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#### **Third Publication**

#### BRENT ALEX BLAKE, late of North Union

Township, Fayette County, PA (3) Administrator: Nancy L. Blake c/o Proden & O'Brien 99 East Main Street Uniontown, PA 15401 Attorney: Wendy L. O'Brien

#### SELMA E. BLAZEK, a/k/a SELMA ELAINE

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Uniontown, Fayette County, PA (3) Personal Representative: Tofy D. Risha c/o George & George, LLP 92 East Main Street Uniontown, PA 15401 Attorney: Joseph M. George

#### **Second Publication**

#### MILLYS N. ALTMA, late of South Union

Township, Fayette County, PA (2) Executor: Dan N. Altman c/o 206 Derrick Avenue Uniontown, PA 15401 Attorney: Gary N. Altman

#### ARLINE CUNNINGHAM, late of Georges

Township, Fayette County, PA (2) Co-Executors: Marcia Martin, Sheri Groover and Charles R. Darr 28 West Elm Street Fairchance, PA 15436 c/o Clark Hill PLC 301 Grant Street, 14th. Floor Pittsburgh, PA 15219 Attorney: Keith H. West

#### RICHARD DUHON, late of Menallen

Township, Fayette County, PA (2) Personal Representative: Allen Wirth c/o Adams & Adams 55 East Church Street, Suite 101 Uniontown, PA 15401 Attorney: Jason R. Adams

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#### NANCY FIRESTONE, late of South Union

Township, Fayette County, PA (2) Administratrix: Jodi Ganoe c/o Adams & Adams 55 East Church Street, Suite 101 Uniontown, PA 15401 Attorney: Jason F. Adams

#### GLORIA JEAN HANCHECK, late of

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Connellsville, Fayette County, PA (2) Executrix: Debra J. Gaudiello 402 East Francis Avenue Connellsville, PA 15425 c/o 815A Memorial Boulevard Connellsville, PA 15425 Attorney: Margaret Zylka House

#### FRANCIS ROBERTA MONGELLUZZO,

late of Connellsville, Fayette County, PA (2) Executrix: Joan Mongeluzzo, a/k/a Joan Bartholow c/o Riverfront Professional Center 208 South Arch Street, Suite 2 Connellsville, PA 15425 Attorney: Richard A. Husband

#### JANICE M. RITSKO, a/k/a JANICE

**RITSKO**, late of Menallen Township, Fayette County, PA (2)

Co-Administrators: Jacueline Carducci and John Mihelich c/o 206 Derrick Avenue Uniontown, PA 15401 Attorney: Gary N. Altman

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#### HARRY L. SOBLOTNEY, late of Georges

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#### **First Publication**

#### PETER J. CANISTRA, late of Menallen

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#### MICHAEL B. KUSHNER, late of Washington

Township, Fayette County, PA (1) *Executrix*: Sandra Hollick 531 Fayette City Road Perryopolis, PA 15473

#### MARGARET WINGROVE, a/k/a MARGARET R. WINGROVE, a/k/a MARGARET RUTH WINGROVE, late of

Bullskin Township, Fayette County, PA (1) *Executrix*: Nancy J. Lewis 224 South Church Street Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666 c/o 120 South Third Street Connellsville, PA 15425 *Attorney*: John K. Greiner

## **LEGAL NOTICES**

#### NOTICE OF PRIVATE SALE OF REAL ESTATE ESTATE OF FLORENCE SHERBONDY BIGHAM, a/k/a FLORENCE SHERBONDY BIGHAM, DECEASED

#### Co-Administrators: Robert Bigham and L. Glenn Shearer c/o Law Offices George & George, LLP

Attorney for the Estate: Joseph M. George, Esquire Suite One 92 East Main Street Uniontown, PA 15401 724 438-2544

The Co-Administrators of the Estate of Florence Sherbondy Bigham, a/k/a Florence Sherbondy Bigham have set the date of Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Law offices of George & George, Suite One, 92 Main street, Uniontown, PA 15401 to accept live private bids, subject to Court Approval, for the surface rights only of real estate known as Foxburg Road (vacant acreage), Springfield Township, containing 69.16 acres, more or less. The accepted bid will be presented to the Orphans Court of Fayette County for Approval of Sale by Quit Claim Deed-No Warranty, upon the successful bidder submitting a cash deposit of ten (10) percent of the live bid amount, the bid will be submitted to the Fayette County Orphans Court for Approval.

#### NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Articles of Incorporation were filed with the Pennsylvania Department of State on 9/17/2018, to incorporate the proposed business corporation, Common Culture Institute Inc., under the provisions of the Business Corporation Law.

Michelle Dalnoky 157 Springer Rd McClellandtown, Pennsylvania

#### NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Certificate of Organization, Domestic Limited Liability Company has been approved and filed with the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on August 31, 2018, for a Limited Liability Company known as ACF Group, LLC. Said Limited Liability Company has been organized under the provisions of the Business Corporation Law of 1988 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The purpose or purposes of the Limited Liability Company is welding, machining, and any other lawful purpose related thereto for which Limited Liability Companies may be organized under the Business Corporation Law.

## DAVIS & DAVIS

James Davis, Esquire 107 East Main Street Uniontown, Pennsylvania 15401

#### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Articles of Incorporation - NonProfit have been approved and filed with the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on September 24, 2018, for a corporation known as Fayette Leadership Fund.

Said corporation has been organized under the provisions of the Business Corporation Law of 1988 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The purpose or purposes of the corporation is/are: funding scholarships, supplemental funds for school districts, meals for the needy, clothing, counseling, job assistance, job training as well as other benevolent activities legally to be performed by the Nonprofit Corporation and any other lawful purpose related thereto for which the corporation may be organized under the Business Corporation Law.

DAVIS & DAVIS BY: Gary J. Frankhouser, Esquire 107 East Main Street Uniontown, PA 15401

#### NOTICE

The Albert Gallatin Area School District will sell, at a public auction to be held Tuesday, October 8th, 2018 at 5:00PM, the building and land comprising the former A.L. Wilson Elementary School. The property is located at 100 A.L. Wilson Drive, Fairchance, Fayette County, Pennsylvania; Fayette County Assessment Office Parcel I.D. Nos. 11-07-0060 and 11-07-0076.

The public auction will be conducted by Joe R. Pyle Complete Auction & Realty, LLC at 5:00PM on October 8th. 2018 on location at the former A.L. Wilson Elementary School located at 100 A.L. Wilson Drive Fairchance, PA 15436. Interested parties shall register on that day to bid from 4:00PM - 5:00PM. Copies of sale information, terms & conditions may be obtained by visiting joerpyleauctions.com, or by contacting Alan Heldreth, General Manager & Auctioneer, Joe R. Pyle Auctions at 888-878-1599 or at info@joerpyleauctions.com. The Albert Gallatin Area School District reserves the right to reject any and all bids. (3 of 3)

#### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA CIVIL NO. 2:17-CV-01376-DSC

#### IN RE:

#### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff vs. DOUGLAS S. KATONA and KIMBERLY A. MILLER, Defendants

**MARSHAL'S SALE**: By virtue of a Writ of Execution issued out of the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania and to me directed, I shall expose to public sale the real property located at and being more fully described at Fayette County Deed Book 813 Page 292.

**SAID SALE** to be held at the Fayette County Courthouse in the hallway outside of the Sheriff's Office, 61 East Main Street, Uniontown, PA 15401 at **10:00 a.m.** prevailing standard time, on **November 2, 2018**.

ALL that certain tract of land, together with the buildings, and improvements erected

thereon described as Tax Parcel No. 33-07-002901 recorded in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, commonly known as: 204 Mentzer Street, South Connellsville, Pennsylvania 15425.

IDENTIFIED as Tax/Parcel #: 33-07-002901 in the Deed Registry Office of Fayette County, Pennsylvania. HAVING erected a dwelling thereon known as 204 MENTZER STREET. SOUTH CONNELLSVILLE. PA 15425. BEING the same premises conveyed to Douglas S. Katona and Kimberly A. Miller, dated April 17, 1991, and recorded on April 18, 1991 in the office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for Fayette County, Pennsylvania. Seized and taken in execution as the property of Douglas S. Katona and Kimberly A. Miller at the suit of the United States of America, acting through the Under Secretary of Rural Development on behalf of Rural Housing Service. United States Department of Agriculture, to be sold on Writ of Execution as Civil Action No. 2:17-cv-01376.

TERMS OF SALE: Successful bidder will pay ten percent (10%) by certified check or money order upon the property being struck down to such bidder, and the remainder of the bid within thirty (30) days from the date of the sale and in the event the bidder cannot pay the remainder, the property will be resold and all monies paid in at the original sale will be applied to any deficiency in the price at which the property is resold. The successful bidder must send payment of the balance of the bid directly to the U.S. Marshal's Office c/o Sheila Blessing, 700 Grant Street, Suite 2360, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. Bidder must have deposit funds immediately available and on his person in order to bid, bidder will not be permitted to leave the sale and return with deposit funds. Notice is hereby given that a Schedule of Distribution will be filed by me on the thirtieth (30th) day after the date of sale, and that distribution will be made in accordance with the Schedule unless exemptions are filed thereto within ten (10) days thereafter. Purchaser must furnish State Realty Transfer Tax Stamps, and stamps required by the local taxing authority. Marshal's costs, fees and commissions are to be borne by seller. Michael Baughman, Acting United States Marshal. For additional information, please contact Cathy Diederich at 314-457-5514 or the USDA foreclosure website at www.resales.usda.gov. (2 of 4)

## JUDICIAL OPINION

## IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA CRIMINAL DIVISION

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA,	:
VS.	
REGIS LEONARD GROOMS, Defendant.	No. 395 of 2018, G.D. Honorable Joseph M. George, Jr.

Mr. Richard E. Bower, Esq., District Attorney, for the Commonwealth Mr. Peter J. Dale y, II, Esq. Attorney for the Defendant

#### **OPINION AND ORDER**

GEORGE, J.

September 18, 2018

This matter comes before the Court on Defendant's Omnibus Pre-trial Motion in the form of Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus and a Motion to Suppress Inculpatory Evidence - Motion to Suppress Statements. Defendant is charged with 23 Counts of Animal Cruelty, {1} 23 Counts of Possession of Animal Fighting Paraphernalia, {2} and 23 Counts of Animal Fighting-Own/Possess Animal for Fighting. {3} A Preliminary Hearing was held before Magisterial District Judge Metros on February 21, 2018. The parties subsequently stipulated to submit this matter for sustenance, drink, shelter, or veterinary care, or access to clean and sanitary shelter which will protect the animal against inclement weather and preserve the animals body heat and keep it dry. Under 18 Pa. C.S.A. § 5511 §§ H (2), one is guilty of Cruelty to Animals-Possession of Animal Fighting Paraphernalia when he knowingly owns or possesses animal fighting paraphernalia. Pursuant to 18 Pa. C.S.A. § 5511 §§ H(1)(3), one is guilty of Cruelty to Animals-Animal Fighting when he owns, possesses, keeps, trains, promotes, purchases, steals, or acquires in any manner or knowingly sells any animal for fighting.

During the Preliminary Hearing in this matter Trooper Tonya Wroble of the Pennsylvania State Police testified that on the morning of August 1, 2017, she was investigating an ATV theft and observed ATV tracks leading up a driveway and decided to follow the tracks. (PT, pg. 10-11). Trooper Wroble testified that she continued up the driveway which turned from paved to dirt and lead to a large field where she observed multiple dog boxes with dogs tied to them. (PT. pg. 11). Trooper Wroble testified that

<sup>{1} 18 § 5511 §§</sup> C1

<sup>{2} 18 § 5511 §§</sup> H.2

<sup>{3} 18 § 5511 §§</sup> H.13

she observed that the dogs had large chains around their necks. Some of the dogs had multiple collars on, and some were chained to axels in the ground. (PT. pg. 11). Trooper Wroble observed that there were twenty-six (26) dogs in all. Trooper Wroble called for back-up and left the scene to obtain a search warrant. (PT. pg. 12). She returned a few hours later with a search warrant and additional Troopers. They began a search of the area and observed various medications for the dogs as well as supplies for wounds and injuries (TT. Pg. 12-13). Trooper Wroble further testified that the dogs were ultimately seized. Two puppies were taken to Dr. Shepard's Veterinary office for treatment. One puppy died shortly after arrival and the other died a few days later. (PT. pg. 12-13). Trooper Wroble further testified that many of the dogs she observed on the property appeared to be extremely thin, many appeared to have old scars, and one dog had an eye that appeared to be missing. (PT. pg. 13).

Mr. Gary Hoffman, owner of Hoffman Kennels testified that he was familiar with the Defendant and was aware that the Defendant owned the dog with the missing eye. (PT. pg. 32-33).

Dr. William Shepherd testified that he was the Veterinarian who treated the dogs. (PT. pg. 63). Dr. Shepherd testified that he treated the dogs for medical conditions which where indicative of neglect as all the conditions the dogs were afflicted with were treatable and preventable with proper care. (PT. pg. 67-68).

Ms. Deborah Jugan testified that in her experience investigating and prosecuting dog fighting cases, the premises were used for the purposes of training, fighting, and breeding dogs for fighting. (PT. pg. 91-92).

Upon consideration of all of the testimony presented at the preliminary hearing and considering all reasonable inferences that favor the Commonwealth based on that evidence, the Court finds that the Commonwealth has established a prima facie case against the Defendant.

Defendant next raises a Motion to Suppress Inculpatory Evidence seeking to Suppress written and oral statements under Rule 573 due to an alleged failure of the Commonwealth to provide the statements to the Defendant through discovery.

Our Pennsylvania Supreme Court has held "the purpose of our discovery rules is to permit parties in a criminal matter to be prepared for trial; trial by ambush is contrary to the spirit and letter of those rules and will not be condoned." Commonwealth v. Appel, 689 A.2d 891, 907 (Pa. 1997) (citing Commonwealth v. Shelton, 640 A.2d 892 (Pa. 1994)). "The purpose of Rule [573] is to prevent trial by ambush which, of course, leads to a denial of due process." Commonwealth v. Ulen, 650 A.2d 416, 419 (Pa. 1994) (holding that proper remedy under Rule 573 for failure to disclose existence of tape-recordings prior to trial is award of new trial). "When a party has failed to comply with Rule [573], the trial court has broad discretion in choosing an appropriate remedy." Commonwealth v. Manchas, 633 A.2d 618 (Pa. Super. 1993).

Although the Motion is vague, the Defendant's brief states that the Defendant is seeking to suppress recorded statements by Defendant while he was incarcerated since they were not provided in discovery. (PT. pg. 23-24). Because the Defendant in a criminal trial has an absolute right to discoverable evidence, the Commonwealth must provide a copy of the recording of these statements or be forever barred from using same. See Appel, 689 A.2d at 891.

Wherefore, we will enter the following Order:

#### ORDER

And now, this 18th day of September, 2018, upon consideration of the Defendant's Omnibus Pre-Trial Motion in the nature of a Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus, it is hereby ORDERED and DECREED that the petition is DENIED.

The Commonwealth is DIRECTED to produce a copy of any and all recordings containing statements made by the defendant while incarcerated within thirty (30) days from the date of this order and failure to do so shall result in the granting of the motion to suppress.

The Commonwealth is directed to list this matter for trial in accordance with Rule 600.

BY THE COURT: JOSEPH M. GEORGE, JR., JUDGE

ATTEST: Janice Snyder Clerk of Courts

## **BENCH BAR CONFERENCE**

## Fayette County Bar Association Bench Bar Conference

## Wednesday, October 10, 2018

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## Agenda

- 8:30 Meet the Sponsors & Breakfast Buffet
- 9:00 Digital Forensics and Social Media in Legal Practice 1.0 ethics credit Scott Lucas - PATCtech 1.0 ethics credit
- 10:00 The New Tax Law and its Impact on Planned Giving 0.5 substantive credit Renee M. Couser, Acting Executive Director -The Community Foundation of Fayette County Tiffany S. Sturtz, C.P.A. - Barnes, Saly & Company, P.C.
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45
   Supreme Court Required Accounting Form
   0.5 substantive credit

   Charles W. Watson, Esquire Watson Mundorff & Sepic, LLP
- 11:15 **Current Issues in Domestic Practice** 1.0 substantive credit Judge Steve P. Leskinen - Fayette County Court of Common Pleas
- 12:30 Lunch

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